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JOINT STATE/DEFENSE MESSAGE

1. FOR USCINCEUR. AGENDA FOR E/NT SUB-GROUPS MEETINGS IN
BRUSSELS, APRIL, 1975:

A. YOU SHOULD RETAIN BASIC HELICOPTER PILOT TRAINING AS
AGENDA ITEM AS PROPOSED IN REF B.

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B. WE WELCOME THE RECENT IMS EFFORT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE

ACTION TO CHANGE THE TOR FOR IMS PARTICIPATION IN E/NT NECESSARY TO INSURE THE CLOSEST COOPERATION BETWEEN NATO AND E/NT. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT BELIEVE ITEM 3A OF REF B SHOULD BE RAISED AS AN AGENDA ITEM AT THE APRIL E/NT CONFERENCE IN BRUSSELS. E/NT PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE US, AT THE OSLO JOINT SUB-GROUP MEETING DISCUSSED THE ISSUE AND AGREED THAT THE E/NT SECRETARIAT SHOULD TAKE ACTION TO IMPROVE COORDINATION AMONG SUB-GROUPS AND BETWEEN SUB-GROUPS AND THE SECRETARIAT. IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE US TO RECOMMEND THE ISSUE BE RECONSIDERED AT THE APRIL CONFERENCE BEFORE E/NT HAS HAD

AN OPPORTUNITY TO EVALUATE THE CORRECTIVE ACTION TAKEN BY THE SECRETARIAT.

C. YOU SHOULD ALSO ADD QUOTE NATO ADVANCED AIR COMBAT TACTICS TRAINING COMBINED WITH TACTICAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING END QUOTE AS AN AGENDA ITEM FOR THE MEETING OF THE AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP OF E/NT (SEE BELOW). A USAF REP WILL ATTEND MEETING AND BE PREPARED TO PRESENT THIS PROPOSAL (REF F).

2. WE BELIEVE THE AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP OF E/NT SHOULD TAKE OVER THE WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP ON A NATO AIRCREW FACILITY (REF C). THE US REP AT THE AD HOC GROUP MEETING JANUARY 7-9 WILL PROPOSE THAT THE AD HOC GROUP COMPLETE ITS REPORT ON THE NATO AIRCREW TACTICS FACILITY AND ITS STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY OF COMBINING AN AIR COMBAT MANEUVERING RANGE WITH THE TACTICS FACILITY. HE WILL SUGGEST THAT THESE REPORTS BE SENT TO THE MARCH 1975 MEETING OF THE NATO AIR FORCE ARMAMENTS GROUP (NAFAG) AND TO THE APRIL 1975 MEETING OF THE AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP OF E/NT. HE WILL ALSO PROPOSE THAT WHEN THESE REPORTS ARE COMPLETE THE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD DISBAND. IN SUPPORT OF ADJOURNING THE AD HOC GROUP SINE DIE, THE US REP WILL POINT OUT THAT THE E/NT GROUP IS, WITHIN NATO, THE TOP LEVEL INSTITUTION FOR QUESTIONS OF COMMON MULTINATIONAL TRAINING AND WILL CALL ATTENTION TO THE CONCERN EXPRESSED AT THE RECENT DPC MINISTERIAL ABOUT THE DISPERSAL OF EFFORT INVOLVED IN THE LARGE NUMBER OF CONFIDENTIAL

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WORKING GROUPS IN NATO.

3. FOR USNATO: GIVEN US EMPHASIS ON COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS AS A MEANS OF ATTAINING GREATER COST EFFECTIVENESS -- AS EVIDENCED BY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE STATEMENTS DURING DECEMBER DPC MINISTERIAL -- WE WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION RECOMMENDATIONS AS TO HOW THE US MIGHT BEST ENCOURAGE PROGRESS IN ITEMS LISTED UNDER B, C AND D OF

ENCLOSURE TO REF D.

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